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- 1. IN ADDITION TO ADVICE ON REGIONAL EMPHASIS FOR PARM PREPARATION IN REF B, WE WILL FORWARD COMMENTS SHORTLY ON DRAFT COUNTRY GUIDANCE PAPER SUBMITTED BY MURRAY IN NOVEMBER 1976.
- 2. IN THE MEANTIME, EMBASSY SHOULD PROCEED TO ROUGH OUT PARM SUBMISSION ON BASIS OF MURRAY DRAFT AND EXCELLENT SOURCE MATERIAL IN REF B. AS AN INITIAL COMMENT, WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT PARM SUBMISSION LAY SOMEWHAT LESS EMPHASIS THAN DRAFT DOES ON STRATEGIC VALUE OF TUNISIA, WHICH IS OPEN TO DEBATE IN VIEW OF CURRENT MILITARY CAPABILITIES, AND SLIGHTLY MORE ON TUNISIA'S DISCREET AND PERHAPS UNDERRATED POLITICAL INFLUENCE AS ARAB/THIRD WORLD ORGANIZER (E.G., IMPORTANT CHANNEL TO WEST FOR MODERATE PLO VIEWS, POTENTIAL INTERMEDIARY IN WESTERN SAHARA DISPUTE, PRESI-UNCLASSIFIED

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